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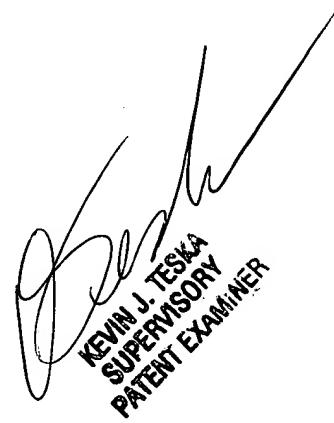
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The Reply brief filed 1-21-2005 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.



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Art Unit: 2123 )  
Examiner: E. Garcia Otero )  
Applicant(s): Krishna Murthy et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/537,659 )  
Filing Date: March 29, 2000 )  
For: METHOD OF INTEGRATING )  
PRODUCT INFORMATION )  
MANAGEMENT WITH VEHICLE )  
DESIGN )

**REPLY BRIEF**

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Sir:

This Reply Brief is directed to points of argument raised in the Examiner's Answer dated November 18, 2004 for the above-identified application. As to procedural matters, on page 2, the Examiner states that the brief does not contain a statement identifying the related appeals and interferences which directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal. Applicants, on page 1 of their Appeal Brief, specifically state that there are no related appeals or interferences regarding the present application. Attached is a copy of page 1 the Appeal Brief. As such, the Appeal Brief contains a statement identifying related appeals and interferences to which there are none.

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As to substantive matters, on page 11 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner argues that, although Juran does not use the claim 1 term "selecting a vehicle program

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